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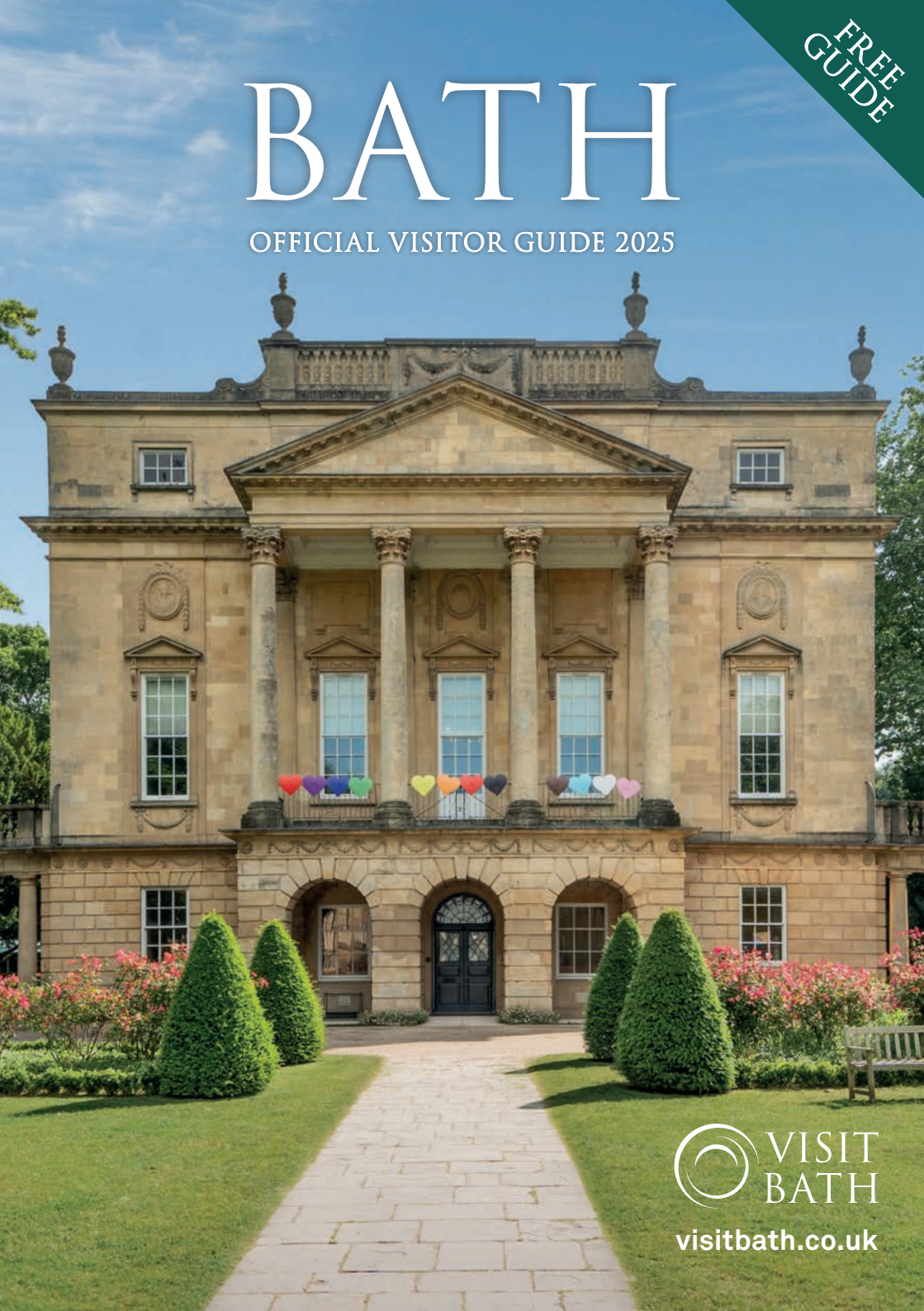

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WELCOME TO BATH

With its storied history as a centre of relaxation since Roman times, it's no secret that Bath is the original wellbeing destination.

The city's naturally hot thermal waters are still a big draw, both to see at the ancient Roman Baths and bathe in at the modern Thermae Bath Spa.

Bath's compact centre is awash with a wide range of award-winning attractions, amazing places to eat and drink, plus some of the finest independent shops in Britain, making it the perfect city break.

Not only can you lose yourself in Bath's remarkable museums and galleries, but also enjoy the city's thriving cultural scene, including acclaimed festivals, theatre, music and sport all year round.

Bath's picturesque Georgian architecture is straight from a Jane Austen novel, with highlights including the iconic Royal Crescent, the majestic Circus, the Florence-inspired Pulteney Bridge and the opulent Great Pulteney Street. There's never been a better time to follow in the author's footsteps across Bath, as the city celebrates the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth with a series of special events throughout 2025.

There's plenty to see beyond the city, too, with stunning countryside to explore, along with must-visit attractions including Wookey Hole, Longleat, Stonehenge and Avebury.

With so much to discover, you'll want to stay – choose from luxury hotels, grand Georgian guesthouses, chic central apartments, cosy country cottages, scenic campsites, and more. Don't wait for the weekend – there are great midweek breaks available, often with special rates.

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The Holburne Museum. Be captivated by their exhibitions and events changing lives through art. You may also recognise this building as Lady Danbury's house in the Netflix hit show, Bridgerton.

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DISCOVER BATH

Roman Baths

Built from golden Bath stone, the city is internationally renowned for its stunning architectural landmarks.

The most iconic, the **Royal Crescent**, celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. This magnificent sweeping curve of 30 Grade I listed terraced houses is home to the **No.1 Royal Crescent** museum, all built between 1767 and 1775. Just a five-minute walk away, you'll find the equally grand **Circus**, consisting of three curved segments of Georgian townhouses.

These architectural masterpieces, along with **Pulteney Bridge** and **Great Pulteney Street**, can be explored on a walking tour or sightseeing bus, where you can learn more about why Bath is the only city in the UK designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in its entirety. In fact, Bath is one of only a handful of sites worldwide to have a double UNESCO nomination, thanks to its 2021 inscription with the Great Spa Towns of Europe.

A visit to Bath wouldn't be complete without uncovering the city's spa heritage. Learn about our ancestors' historic bathing rituals at the ancient **Roman Baths**, one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world, before immersing yourself in the city's naturally warm, mineral-rich waters during a relaxing session at the modern **Thermae Bath Spa**.

Victoria Art Gallery

Owing to its rich history, there are more museums and attractions in Bath in one square mile than most larger cities can boast altogether. Delve into the stories of the city's famous former residents at **The Jane Austen Centre**, **Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein**, the **Herschel Museum of Astronomy**, and **Beckford's Tower**, as well as **Fairfield House**, the former home of Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I. Or learn more about Bath itself at **Bath World Heritage Centre** and the **Museum of Bath Architecture**.

Get inspired at one of the many eclectic art exhibitions taking place throughout the year at the **Victoria Art Gallery** and **Holburne Museum**, which this year feature everything from eighteenth-century satire to hand-woven explorations of African American identity.

Plan your visit and discover where to stay at visitbath.co.uk

World Heritage Centre

Take In the View

For a breathtaking bird's eye view of the city, a **Bath Abbey Tower Tour** is worth the 212-step climb. Ascend the Gothic landmark, passing the bell chamber and clockface, and emerge on the roof for epic 360-degree views over Bath. You'll also find wonderful views of the city at **Alexandra Park** and **Prior Park Landscape Garden**, and on the **Bath Skyline Walk**.

Find out more about these and other things to do in Bath: visitbath.co.uk/things-to-do

SO THE STORY GOES…

As a city exuding charm, visitors to Bath have been falling in love with, and taking inspiration from, its streets and sights for centuries.

Jane Austen Festival

Austen 250

2025 marks the 250th birthday of author Jane Austen, one of Bath's most famous former residents, and you're invited to the festivities! Dress up with fellow Austen fans as one of her much-loved characters, learn more about Jane's connection to Bath with special talks, tours and exhibitions, explore Bath locations used in screen adaptations of her novels, or experience one of the many comprehensive Jane Austen-themed packages available at the city's luxurious hotels.

Jane lived in Bath from 1801 to 1806 and set her novels Persuasion and Northanger Abbey here. Visit **The Jane Austen Centre**, which gives a fascinating overview into Austen's experiences in Bath and immerse yourself in the annual **Jane Austen Festival**. This year, in addition to the main event and Grand Regency Promenade in September, the Festival is holding three masked balls: a Persuasion nautical-themed ball in May, a Sanditon seaside-themed ball in June, and a Yuletide birthday ball in December.

Also this year, **The Holburne Museum** presents 'Illustrating Austen', an exhibition exploring the many artworks behind her novels, while **No.1 Royal Crescent's** exhibition 'The Most Tiresome Place in the World: Jane Austen & Bath' delves into the highs and lows of her time in the city.

Jane Austen Persuasion ©Netflix

Book a walking tour with **Strictly Jane Austen Tours** and be guided around the city by an Austen expert, or download Visit Bath's self-guided audio tour if you'd prefer to follow in Jane's footsteps at your own pace. **In and Beyond Bath's** 'Austentacious' day tour will take you to locations in Bath, the Cotswolds, and Lacock with connections to Austen, including a sumptuous lunch in an ancient country inn.

The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa offers a special Austen-themed afternoon tea, perfect for enjoying in their tranquil garden, or you can head to **The Roseate Villa Bath** for a cup of their special Jane Austen tea blend with homemade cakes and sandwiches.

Stay in Regency splendour at **The Gainsborough Bath Spa Hotel**, **The Francis Hotel**, **Dukes Hotel** or **No.15 by Guesthouse**, or stay in the Georgian Tylney House by **Bath Spa Stays**, visited by Jane Austen herself.

Jane Austen Festival at The Roman Baths

No.1 Royal Crescent

A city for literature lovers

Another renowned female author, Mary Shelley, penned much of her famous novel Frankenstein in Bath in 1816, from lodgings located where the **Pump Room** now stands. Discover more on **Show of Strength's 'The Frankenstein Experience'** walking tour, or visit the world's only museum dedicated to the writer – **Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein**. Expanding over four atmospheric and immersive floors, the attraction uncovers the story behind literature's most famous monster.

As well as exploring Bath's literary heritage, you can discover 21st century greats. **The Curious Minds Festival** returns in March with a curated selection of book talks, workshops, films, and tours to ignite the mind. **The Bath Festival** welcomes acclaimed writers for talks, signings and workshops over ten days in May, followed by **Bath Children's Literature Festival** in September, which attracts some of the biggest children's authors and illustrators.

The city is also home to **Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution**, a place where literature, science and the arts come together to inspire imaginations and showcase collections of treasures from Bath and across the world.

Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein

TWO GREAT NOVELS FROM BESTSELLING BATH AUTHOR AVAILABLE NOW

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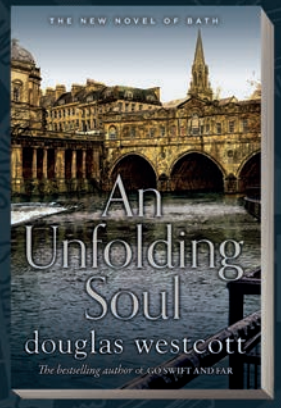
These popular fiction novels from bestselling Bath author Douglas Westcott are the perfect souvenir of your visit. Signed copies are available from bookshops across the city and online.



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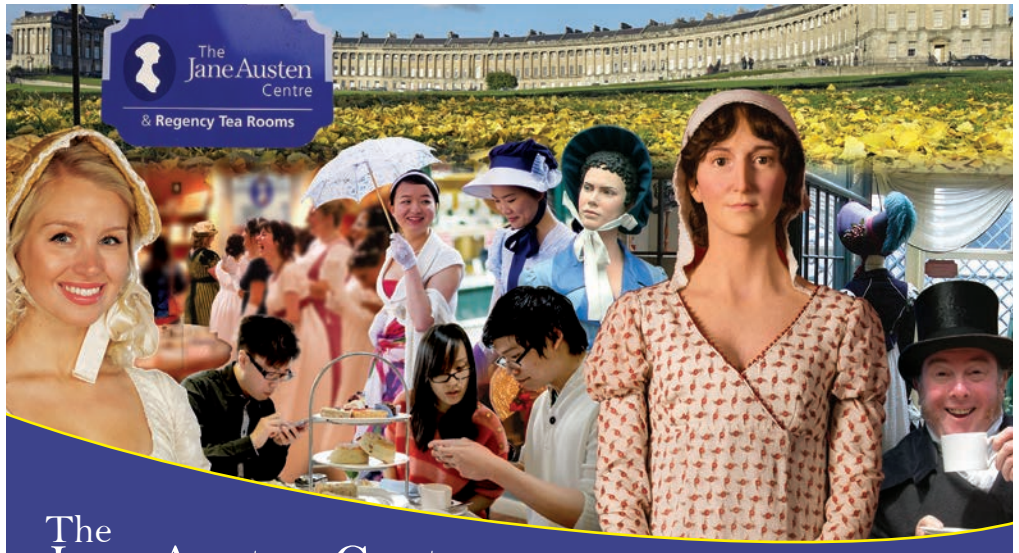

The Jane Austen Centre

Celebrating Bath's most famous resident

www.janeausten.co.uk 40 Gay Street, BA1 2NT

Open Every Day

Step back in time

Explore the first house to be built on the iconic Royal Crescent in Bath, furnished exactly as it would have been over 200 years ago. An immersive experience brings the stories of the house and its former occupants to life.

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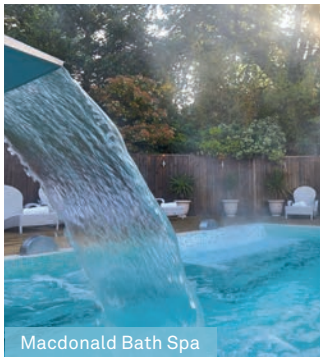
SOAK UP THE ATMOSPHERE

There's definitely something in the water here in Bath; the original wellbeing destination. The city is one of the only places in Britain where you can bathe in natural hot springs.

Powered by the same mineral-rich thermal springs that soothed the Romans, the first to harness the city's healing waters back in 43 A.D., Thermae Bath Spa has a 21st century take on the spa experience. Take a dip in the rooftop pool to enjoy sensational 360-degree views of the city, made even more spectacular by the addition of atmospheric steam on a cold day.

Thermae Bath Spa



Macdonald Bath Spa

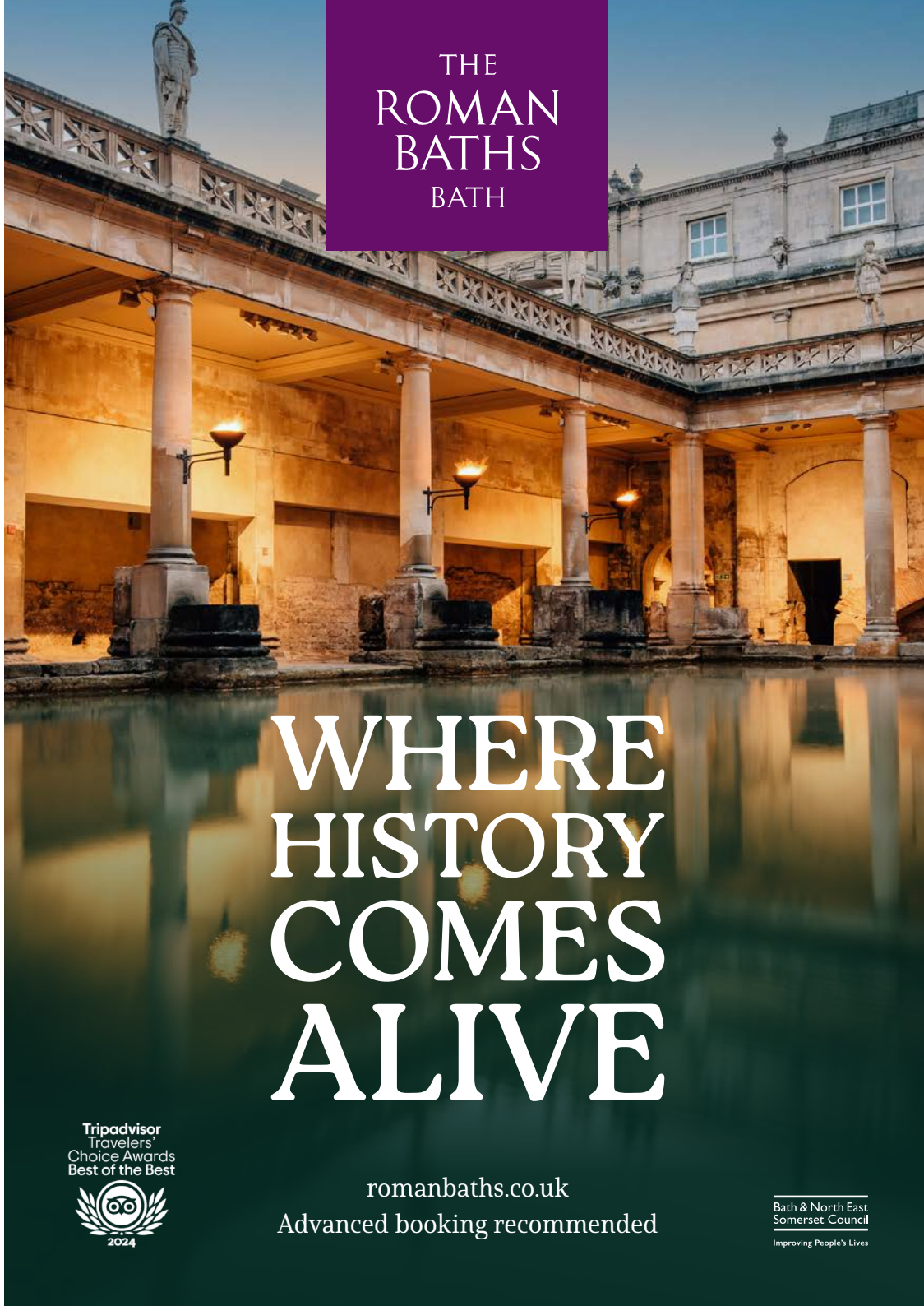
Learn more about Bath's fascinating spa history and double UNESCO designation as part of the Great Spa Towns of Europe at the World Heritage Centre on York Street before visiting the Roman Baths, the original sanctuary for rest and relaxation in the heart of the city built over 2,000 years ago.

Restful Retreats

Soak in the naturally heated thermal waters and book yourself a luxurious massage, mineral mud scrub treatment or a bespoke facial at the Spa Village at The Gainsborough Bath Spa. Plan a stay at the elegant and award-winning Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa, Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, or Homewood, which has a new outdoor thermal vitality pool and sauna. Unwind in the copper bath made for two at No.15 by GuestHouse, take a dip in the indoor and outdoor pools at Macdonald Bath Spa Hotel, or indulge in a massage in the PIG-near Bath's cosy Potting Sheds. Escape and relax at the Garden Spa by L'Occitane at the Bath Priory or book onto a metabolic health retreat at Combe Grove to improve your health and wellbeing.

Head to The Soul Spa, located above the sacred thermal springs in Bath's spa quarter, for a range of holistic treatments, sound baths and meditation sessions. Book a massage with Ally Massage Therapy who will send a therapist to your accommodation, or visit Bath Holistic Massage for an aromatherapy, Swedish or deep-tissue massage.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/spas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No. 1 Royal Crescent

EXPAND YOUR MIND

Discover stories of the city and beyond at our museums and galleries.

Learn more about some of the impressive people who have made Bath their home over the years at attractions dedicated to them across the city. In this 250th anniversary year of Jane Austen's birth, there's nowhere better to start than **The Jane Austen Centre**, where you can learn more about the author's life and work in Bath, immersing yourself in both her world and that of her novels.

A few doors down, **Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein** tells the compelling story of the titular author in a fully immersive experience featuring interactive, multi-sensory spaces and exhibits. Nearby, pay a visit to the **Herschel Museum of Astronomy**, where astronomer and composer William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus from his garden in 1781.

Step back in time at one of Bath's oldest houses – **Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House** – and experience the original kitchen used by the famed baker herself. **Fairfield House** on the outskirts of the city centre is also a must-visit, holding the amazing story of H.I.M. Haile Selassie I and the Ethiopian royal family during their years of exile from Ethiopia between 1936 and 1941.

Beckfords Tower

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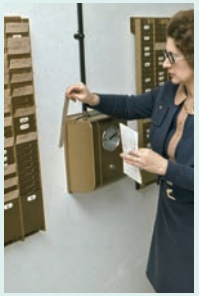
North of the city centre is the recently refurbished **Beckford's Tower,** the former home of novelist William Beckford. Learn about Beckford's controversial legacy and explore the remarkable building, climbing the magnificent spiral staircase to enjoy stunning views over Bath.

Go behind the scenes of a Georgian Bath home at **No. 1 Royal Crescent**, discover more about Bath's industrial heritage at the **Museum of Bath at Work**, and the city's unique design at the **Museum of Bath Architecture**.

The city of Bath has been a designated **UNESCO World Heritage Site** due to its Roman remains, eighteenth-century architecture and town planning, historical social scene, hot springs and impressive landscape. These attributes are now celebrated at the **World Heritage Centre** through

Museum of Bath at Work



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2000 years of working and living in Bath, told through experiences of its people. Recreated working environments, temporary displays, shop and cafe.

Open: 10.30am–5pm (last admission at 4pm). Every day April 1st to November 1st. Weekends only November and February–March. Closed December and January.

Museum of East Asian Art

interactive exhibits and displays designed to inspire, excite and inform. **The Roman Baths**, one of the best-preserved Roman remains in the world, is still welcoming visitors after 2,000 years. Explore the story of the stone from which Bath was built at the **Museum of Bath Stone**.

As well as those which tell the stories of Bath through the ages, the city is also home to venues dedicated to collections from across the world. **The Museum of East Asian Art** has a vast collection of artefacts from China, Japan, Korea and South East Asia, while the **American Museum and Gardens** is home to the finest collection of Americana outside of the United States.

The **Victoria Art Gallery**, **Holburne Museum**, and **No. 1 Royal Crescent** all welcome an eclectic range of temporary exhibitions every year. 2025 sees an exciting programme of displays, including works from eighteenth-century satirists at Victoria Art Gallery, and newly acquired portraits by Thomas Gainsborough at No. 1 Royal Crescent.

Venture outside Bath to learn more about the Victorian industrial age and the coal-mining heritage of the surrounding area at **Radstock Museum**, south of the city.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/museums

Victoria Art Gallery

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victoriagal.org.uk

Victoria Art Gallery is Bath's public art museum. We are home to a richly diverse collection of paintings, sculpture and decorative arts. Among the many items in our care are an original Tudor portrait of Henry VIII and works by Thomas Gainsborough, Grayson Perry, Gillian Ayres and a host of other artists, from the 15th century to the present day. Please note our Upper Gallery is temporarily closed for conservation work until Spring 2025.

There is a small charge for our Temporary Exhibitions which for 2025 includes:

24 January – 21 April 2025
Mirror of Mirth: Rowlandson & Nixon Satirise Bath

2 May – 6 July 2025
First Impressions: Trial Proofs of Prints by Great 20th Century Artists

18 July – 5 October 2025
The Lost Spells: Artworks and Words by Jackie Morris and Robet MacFarlane (In association with Penguin Books, exhibition commissioned & produced by NNPA)

19 October 2025 – 10 January 2026
Bath Society of Artist's 120th Open Exhibition

Open: Tuesdays–Sundays (and Bank Holiday Mondays) 10.30am–5pm. Last entry 4.30pm. Closed 25, 26 December and 1 January.

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Prior Park Landscape Garden

Prior Park Landscape Garden, Ralph Allen Drive
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www.nationaltrust.org.uk/prior-park

Prior Park Landscape Garden is an intimate 18th-century landscape garden, home to one of only four Palladian bridges in the world. Created by Ralph Allen in the 1700s, it was designed with advice from 'Capability' Brown and poet Alexander Pope so that guests would enjoy tree-covered walkways that open to reveal marvellous views.

Within walking distance of the centre of Bath, Prior Park is situated up a steep hill and can be reached from the Bath Skyline Bus Tours, the local Number 2 bus or on foot by following the walking route signposted from the railway station.

Seasonal events run throughout the year, please check the website for details. The Tea Cabin, located by the lower entrance, is stocked with hot and cold drinks, scones, cakes and seasonal refreshments.

Open: Mid-February to October: every day, 10am–5pm. November to mid-February: weekends and school holidays, 10am–4pm. Last entry one hour before closing. Please check website for details.

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Bath Abbey

Tripadvisor Travellers Choice 2024 Award, Green Tourism Award, Bronze Eco Church Award, AJ Architecture Award

Abbey Churchyard, Bath, BA1 1LT
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A moment of stillness in the beating heart of the city, Bath Abbey is alive with music and prayer, art and history.

A place where awe-inspiring architecture lifts the eyes, and raises the spirit. Whether you come to visit, join a service or a tour, light a candle or listen to our choirs, there is so much to discover here.

Open: Open daily. See website for up-to-date opening hours.

Old Theatre Royal and Masonic Museum

Bath Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath, BA1 2QJ
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oldtheatreroyal.com

The Old Theatre Royal is an anonymous building in a quiet cobbled backstreet in the city of Bath, with a unique 265-year history. This was the first Theatre Royal outside of London. It held many Shakespearean productions and entertained royalty regularly.

Open: Tours available Tuesday–Thursday, 11am and 2:30pm; Saturday, 2:30pm. Tours last approximately 90 minutes, including access to the Masonic Museum.

American Museum and Gardens

Claverton Manor, Bath, BA2 7BD
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americanmuseum.org

Located on the outskirts of town, find the best day out in Bath with breathtaking views, fascinating museum collections, stunning gardens, gallery shop, children's play area and the American Garden Deli, with its scenic garden terrace.

The Museum's home is a Grade I listed Georgian estate with gardens designed by famous US landscape architects Oehme, van Sweden, an arboretum and sweeping parkland. Located in the Cotswolds AONB, there are spectacular views across the Limpley Stoke valley.

Visit the Museum, which features American arts and heritage, and experience a special exhibition in the Gallery, as well as a seasonal programme of exciting events, including talks, family fun, outdoor theatre, live music and much more.

2025 Exhibitions

15 February – 22 June
Myths and Memories: Renaissance Maps

5 July – 31 December
Beyond Infinity: American Space Exploration

Opening Times: Please see our website for opening times, ticket information and an up-to-date listing of what's on.

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SEEN ON SCREEN

Bath's Georgian architecture is often the star of the big and small screen as a stunning location for both historical and modern productions.

The multi-award-winning film adaptation of musical **Les Misérables** featured scenes shot around Pulteney Bridge, with period dramas **Vanity Fair**, **The Duchess**, and Netflix's adaptation of Jane Austen's **Persuasion** also using the city.

You may have spotted **Dyrham Park** and **Iford Manor** in another Austen adaptation, **Sanditon**, which returned for a second series in 2022. Iford Manor also appeared in the 2020 version of **The Secret Garden**.

The BBC's take on Nancy Mitford's **The Pursuit of Love** filmed at several Bath locations, while ITV's crime drama **McDonald and Dodds**, following an unlikely detective duo played by Tala Gouveia and Jason Watkins solving murder mysteries, has filmed four series in the city. In 2023, Bath appeared in **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** with Jim Broadbent and in the hugely successful **Wonka** musical film, starring Timothée Chalamet and Hugh Grant. More small-screen credits for Bath include **Poldark**, **Sherlock** and **The Trial of Christine Keeler**, as well as the upcoming Netflix adaptation of Agatha Christie's **The Seven Dials Mystery**, starring Martin Freeman.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

McDonald and Dodds

Wonka

BRIDGERTON IN BATH

The city of Bath has been used as one of the primary filming locations for Bridgerton, Netflix's hit romantic Regency drama, since the series began in 2020.

You may have swooned over the gorgeous backdrops seen in **Bridgerton**, many of which came courtesy of Bath, which has a starring role in all three seasons of the show to date, as well as its spin-off, **Queen Charlotte**. Camera crews, horses, carriages, and actors in exquisite period costume have been spotted in the city during filming, with Bath's grand golden buildings making the perfect stand-in for Regency London.

Bridgerton Season 3

The Royal Crescent is one of Bath's most iconic pieces of architecture and features prominently along with its museum, **No.1 Royal Crescent**, which is used for the Featherington family's (not so) humble abode. Live out your Bridgerton fantasy in Bath with a guided walking tour taking in all the filming locations and indulge in a Lady Whistledown-inspired afternoon tea at one of the city's hotels or restaurants.

Tucked away behind **The Roman Baths** on Abbey Green, you'll find **The Abbey Deli,** a café which stands in for the Modiste – a dress shop key to the story - in the first two seasons. With talk-of-the-town balls and debutante soirées, the nearby Guildhall's **Banqueting Room** is another must-visit for fans, as is the grand **Assembly Rooms**, which runs occasional guided tours.

At the end of Bath's grandest thoroughfare, **Great Pulteney Street**, **The Holburne Museum** is easily recognisable as the grand exterior of Lady Danbury's mansion. Now home to a collection of fine and decorative art, the building's elegant façade and gardens make for a perfect Bridgerton-inspired outing. Nearby, you'll find the charming **Edward Street**, which made its debut appearance in promenading scenes during Bridgerton's third series.

Take a tour of the key filming locations with **City of Bath Guides** or **Bath Insider Tours**, where you'll also hear behind-the-scenes stories from your favourite episodes. Or for a more personal experience, take a private Bridgerton tour with Blue Badge guide **Fred Mawer,** to get some local history interspersed with news from the 'Ton. For something a bit different, join the Bath and Bridgerton with Music Tour from **Bath Adventures**.

For Bridgerton tours and more: visitbath.co.uk/bridgerton

WHAT'S ON

THE HOLBURNE MUSEUM

Iconic: Portraiture from Francis Bacon to Andy Warhol
Until 5 May

Impressions in Watercolour: Turner and his contemporaries
23 May – 31 August

Illustrating Austen
11 September – January 2026

The Holburne (aka Lady Danbury's house in Netflix's popular Bridgerton) is one of the UK's best loved independent museums.

As well as housing a wonderful and eclectic collection, it presents world-class exhibitions of historical and contemporary art and a dynamic programme of creative activities and events for all ages.

Located at the end of the majestic Great Pulteney Street, and with a fantastic café, museum shop and gardens, it's a must-see for any visit to Bath.

holburne.org

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Icarus Jewellery is an independent silver jewellery shop located in the heart of Bath, in an unbeatable location, on Pulteney Bridge.

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The Silver Shop

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Established in 1952 and entirely independent, The Silver Shop is one of Bath's favourite shops. They stock Bath's largest selection of silver jewellery and also have a wonderful range of gift ideas to choose from.

The Silver Shop sells almost every type of silver jewellery you can imagine including charms, rings, necklaces, earrings, bracelets and bangles. With silver earrings ranging from £5.95 right up to necklaces at £595, there is something for every taste and budget.

The selection of gifts includes Charlie Bears, clocks, silverware, bronzes, candles, frames and much more. The Silver Shop offers a unique and exciting choice of beautiful gifts to treat yourself to or to take back to loved ones.

The shop is family-run and offers a warm welcome and a great shopping experience. The Silver Shop can be found less than a minute's walk from Bath Abbey and the Roman Baths, in Union Passage, behind Nationwide Building Society. A wonderful part of Bath's magnificent shopping experience for over 70 years.

Open: Monday–Saturday, 9:30am–5:30pm.

Milsom Place
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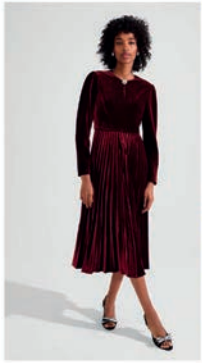

SouthGate

BAGS OF STYLE

Bath's show-stopping retail scene, set against a backdrop of Georgian grandeur, has made the city one of the most stylish destinations for 300 years, with a compact city centre brimming with independent stores and high-street brands.

The central streets of Bath are packed with a variety of well-known brands – **Stall Street** and **Union Street** provide a lively route of shops through the length of the city. Make sure to take a diversion down the side passages and lanes to find some of the city's best independent retailers.

Don't miss **The Corridor**, resembling a Parisian arcade, or **Bath Guildhall Market**, the city's oldest indoor market. Wander along Union Passage to find family-run **The Silver Shop**, then pay a visit to award-winning jeweller **Nicholas Wylde** at Northumberland Place. Pick up some local beers and ciders from **Independent Spirit of Bath**, then stroll to nearby Pulteney Bridge to browse handcrafted, unique designs at **Icarus Jewellery**, or meaningful handmade pieces of jewellery at **Honey Willow**. The picturesque streets of the city centre become a magical, festive experience during the famous **Bath Christmas Market** (27 Nov-14 Dec, 2025).

Walcot Street and Artisan Quarter

The London Road and Walcot areas have affectionately been known as Bath's Artisan quarter since the 1960s. A collection of boutique shops have everything from vintage clothing to quirky artwork, and the area is also a burgeoning hotspot for food & drink.

Don't miss the **Saturday Flea Market**, renowned for its unique selection of clothes, antiques and books. Stop by **Bath Aqua Glass** to pick up a piece of hand-blown glass, watch the craft in action and enjoy a light bite in the **Café by the Furnace**.

Milsom Street

Milsom Street is one of the finest streets for shopping in the city, boasting high-end fashion and beauty, luxury gift shops and contemporary interior stores.

Explore **Milsom Place** – an oasis of stylish independent shops, restaurants and bars set among peaceful courtyards, winding corridors and tranquil terraces away from the hustle and bustle of the city centre.

Create with friends at a candle pouring workshop in **Paddywax Candle Bar**, indulge in some cheese tasting at **Paxton & Whitfield** on Green Street, or browse bespoke jewellery pieces a few doors down at **SP Green**.

Upper City

Just north of Milsom Street, **George Street** and **Bartlett Street** house a cluster of independent retailers, from wine specialists **The Beckford Bottle Shop**, to **Bartlett Street Antiques Centre**. Venture to **Margaret's Buildings** to explore a plethora of art galleries and interior shops.

SouthGate

Stepping off the train at **Bath Spa Station** you will immediately come across **SouthGate** – an ideal starting point for a shopping spree. Find your favourite big fashion brands, as well as vibrant multinational cuisines, and boutique cinema **Everyman Bath Cinema**. On a sunny day, relax on SouthGate's lazy lawn and enjoy a refreshing drink from the coffee hut, while Christmas shopping at SouthGate comes with a sprinkling of festive magic from street performers and special installations.

Green Park Station

Once Bath's main railway station, **Green Park Station** holds some fantastic covered markets and a creative collection of independent traders. Shop for the best local and organic produce at the Saturday morning **Bath Farmers' Market** and discover vintage glamour at the monthly **Vintage and Antiques Market**.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/shopping

Milsom Place

Bath Christmas Market

BATH AFTER-HOURS

There's more to Bath than its elegant Georgian façades, with eclectic nightlife to keep you entertained into the early hours if you desire...

Green Park Brasserie

Whether you're a music fan, keen theatregoer, or simply fancy a drink with close family and friends, Bath is bursting with ways to entertain after the sun has set.

Live Music

Head to **Green Park Brasserie** for free live jazz in the evenings from Wednesday to Saturday. Community-owned pub **The Bell Inn** and local favourite **The Grapes** both host free live music throughout the week, from blues to Irish trad sessions.

Chapel Arts Centre also welcomes a great selection of Americana, folk and rock artists.

Bath's pubs and bars offer up a range of options for a night out – **Ludo Sports Bar & Kitchen** not only shows the latest fixtures across the sporting calendar, but also hosts quizzes and seasonal events.

Set across two floors, **The Cork** always has something going on, including regular DJ nights and Drag Queen Bingo, and sister pub **The Bath Cider House** offers its own unique fermentations, monster 14-inch pizzas, and late-night opening hours to party the night away.

Labyrinth

The Bath Distillery Gin Bar

Clubs and Cocktail Bars

Explore Bath's underground cocktail bars, from the glamorous **Circo Cellar Bar** - where you can also book a private cocktail masterclass – to other subterranean speakeasies such as **The Hideout**, **The Dark Horse** and **Sub 13**. You can also find bars dedicated to your favourite tipples, including **The Bath Distillery Gin Bar** and **Fidel Rum Bar**.

Set in a beautifully refurbished Grade II-listed building, **Coppa Club's The Bath Townhouse** provides the perfect setting for savouring elegant food and drink, while **The Botanist** (filming location of TV's First Dates) hosts a variety of events in their stunning bar space, from bingo nights to cocktails masterclasses.

The city also has several nightclubs if you're looking to dance into the early hours. Choose from four different dancefloors at **Labyrinth**, which is open six nights a week, while **Komedia** hosts weekly pop-infused club nights.

Catch a Show

If film and theatre are your thing, Bath has an array of options. **Everyman Bath** and **Little Theatre** cinemas are perfect for movie mavens, or for glitzy West End productions, make for the **Theatre Royal Bath** or catch a family-friendly performance at **The Egg**. More of a magic fan? Be entertained by the illusionists at **Krowd Keepers Magic Theatre**, or get close to the action at **Sleight Magic Bar**.

Watch top comedians at **Komedia's Krater Comedy Club** every Saturday, or check out the latest listings from **Bath Comedy Club** at venues across the city.

Evening Tours

For after-hours wandering, book an evening tour of the city. Hear some ghoulish tales with **Bath Ghost Tours**, or dance along between scares on **Bath Adventures' Ghost Hunters Silent Disco Tour**.

In the summer, discover the **Roman Baths** by torchlight, or a Twilight Package at **Thermae Bath Spa**.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/bath-at-night

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Open: All year round except 25th and 26th December, and 1st January.

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Hosting over 400 events per year in a beautifully restored Edwardian cinema, Komedia is a community-owned venue offering an unparalleled programme of comedy, live music, cabaret, film, club nights and just about everything in-between!

Every Saturday, it's the award winning Krater Comedy Club. Featuring three top comics and a cracking compere, this is your chance to witness the very best in live stand-up, right here in the heart of Bath!

Open: Box Office: Tuesday–Sunday, 10am–5pm. See website for specific event times.

FESTIVAL FEVER

Every year, Bath plays host to an exciting calendar of festivals and events, and this year several new ones add to the incredible line-up!

Kicking off the festival season in Bath each year is **ReBalance** in January and February. This inspirational event brings together hotels, venues, practitioners, spa therapists and restaurants for a celebration of wellness in the UK's original wellbeing destination.

Moving into spring, **Bath Comedy Festival** hosts a range of stand-up gigs at venues across the city in April, or the start of May sees the inaugural **Bath Restaurant Week**.

The Bath Festival takes place in mid-May, featuring talks and performances in various venues across the city, and then in June the city hosts events as part of the **Festival of Nature**, while the beautiful Iford Manor Gardens provide a memorable setting for **Iford Jazz Festival**. Global star **Robbie Williams** comes to Bath for a spectacular duo of open-air gigs on the Royal Crescent in June.

July sees the return of the **Garden Theatre Festival** to the Holburne Museum along with the vibrant **Bath Carnival**. Just outside the city, watch Sting, Snow Patrol, McFly, The Script and Elbow perform in front of a spectacular natural backdrop on successive nights for **Forest Live** at Westonbirt Arboretum.

In August you can immerse yourself in live performances in an exquisite setting at **If Opera** just outside of the city, or enjoy a great line-up of music, entertainment and local food and drink at **Foodies Festival** in Royal Victoria Park.

Bath Bachfest

Bath Carnival

September brings the annual **Jane Austen Festival**, featuring elegant masked balls, walking tours and talks, with extra special events to commemorate the author's 250th birthday this year. Not long afterwards is **Bath Children's Literature Festival** – the largest dedicated children's literature festival with an array of talks and activities for kids and teens.

Explore the beautiful landscapes around the city during **Bathscape Walking Festival** in September or discover rising cinematic stars at **FilmBath** in October. Enjoy classical concerts at **Bath Bachfest** in February (which this year marks the 275th anniversary of Bach's death), or in November at **Bath Mozartfest**. Christmas arrives in Bath with the award-winning **Bath Christmas Market** – look out for lots of special festive surprises!

TAKE A TOUR

See more of the city and get the inside scoop from local experts by booking onto a tour, whether you go historic, literary or quirky…

In & Beyond Bath

Get some expert local knowledge with **City of Bath Guides**, **Bath Walking Tours**, **Bath Insider Tours** or **Walking Tours of Bath**; all offer top tips on things to do alongside sightseeing during their friendly tours of the city.

Make the most of a trip to Bath's top attractions with a guide – whether you opt for a sunrise tour of the **Roman Baths**, a trip to the top of the tower at **Bath Abbey**, or a guided tour of the Regency opulence at **Bath Assembly Rooms**.

Savouring Bath

Sulis Guides offer bespoke tours of the city, whatever your interests. They'll customise your itinerary, with multilingual guides giving a warm welcome no matter the language.

Join one of the free two-hour walking tours from the **Mayor of Bath's Honorary Guides**, which run every day and don't need to be booked in advance – ideal for a spontaneous adventure!

See the sights from the water with **Bath Adventures**' river tours. Hop aboard their re-stored 1960s cruiser and float leisurely along the River Avon with a gin and tonic tasting or glass of bubbly in hand – then explore dry land with a combined walking and river tour, whether you opt for Bridgerton with Music, or a Ghost Hunters Silent Disco!

Explore Bath at your own leisurely pace with a **Tootbus** sightseeing tour. Hop on and hop off one of their open top buses for a guided tour of the city centre or Bath skyline, with audio commentaries available in multiple languages.

Learn about Bath's literary connections on the **Strictly Jane Austen** tour and **Frankenstein in Bath** theatrical walk, or do some scene-spotting on a tour of Bridgerton filming locations (see page 17 for more details).

If it's an alternative view of Bath you're after, book a tour with **Bath Cycle Tours** to explore the city on two wheels, or discover tales of murder, mayhem and poltergeists on **Bath Ghost Tours**. Get the inside scoop on Bath's fabulous food scene with **Savouring Bath**, who offer tours of Bath's best indies, as well as specific tours themed around gin or tea.

Take in all of the iconic sights and stunning architecture – from the **Royal Crescent** to **Pulteney Bridge** – with **Photo Tours in Bath**.

For an adventure further afield, several tours use Bath as a base from which to explore the surrounding villages and countryside. Guided by expert, friendly and enthusiastic guides, **Mad Max Tours** offer a wide range of small-group, one-day tours, taking you to Glastonbury, Wells, Cheddar and many other picturesque places.

Bath Adventures

Escape to idyllic, rural country life with **In and Beyond Bath**, who will take you to pretty Cotswold villages and show you the very best of local heritage, landscapes, food, drink, stories and places.

Bath Insider Tours, **Galahad Tours** and **Scarper Tours**, all provide excursions to the famous Stonehenge, letting you experience the iconic prehistoric monument and World Heritage Site close up.

Explore further afield with **Rabbie's Tours** mix of day tours and overnight trips.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/tours

Bath Cycle Tours

Green Park Brasserie

BON APPÉTIT

Bath's food and drink scene has gained the city a reputation as a delicious destination for a foodie break.

Take your pick from pioneering Michelin-starred or AA Rosette-winning restaurants, welcoming gastropubs, cosy cafés, chilled out bars, thriving local producers and passionate artisans.

Award-Winning Cuisine

For fine dining, The Queensberry Hotel's Michelin-starred **Olive Tree Restaurant** has a delicious, seasonal menu, with Lucknam Park's **Restaurant Hywel Jones** also offering sophisticated Michelin-starred dining. **Montagu's Mews** at the Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa also features in the Michelin guide.

Beckford Bottle Shop has been awarded the Michelin Bib Gourmand for great value and high quality dining, while **Corkage**, **The Scallop Shell**, **Yak Yeti Yak** and **Chez Dominique** are among several local restaurants to receive recommendations in The Good Food Guide.

Afternoon Tea

Afternoon tea has long been a popular pastime in Bath, and the tradition is still very much alive in the city today. Experience ultimate Georgian refinement in the famous **Pump Room**, tuck into a classic afternoon tea in the gorgeous surrounds of **Sweet Little Things**, or step back in time at the Jane Austen Centre's **Regency Tea Room**. Alternatively, try a twist on a classic with the Japanese-inspired afternoon tea at **Robun**.

Comfort Food

Those seeking a hearty feast will be well looked after at **Green Park Brasserie**, where a modern menu shows off local produce, from burgers to steak and chips. For more classic British dishes, try some pie and mash at **Pieminister**, or head to **The Scallop Shell** for tasty fish and chips.

There are plenty of places for a great British Sunday roast in Bath too, from traditional pubs such as **The Griffin** or **Pig & Fiddle**, to the elegant restaurants of **Dashwood Kitchen** and **Elder**.

Flavours from around the World

Allow your taste buds to be transported across the globe by restaurants offering international cuisines. Enjoy Turkish dishes at **Cappadocia**, Vietnamese flavours at **Noya's Kitchen**, or high quality Indian cuisine at **The Sepoy Club**. Kick back with brunch menu of Indian and British favourites at **Bandook**, or go for a classic Full English at **The Cosy Club**.

Plant-Based

With several restaurants specialising in tasty and inventive meat-free food, there are plenty of options for vegetarian and vegan diets. Enjoy plant-based pizzas at **Dough**, or try some award-winning vegan gelato at **Swoon**. **Oak Restaurant** is Bath's premier plant-based restaurant, while **Eat a Pitta** offers a delicious range of 'grab and go' options inspired by the Middle East.

A Tale of Two Buns

Try some local specialities and take your taste buds back in time. Rich, round and brioche in style, the Sally Lunn bun, which you can enjoy at **Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House**, was introduced to Bath in the 1600s. The Bath Bun was reputedly invented by Dr Oliver, who also invented the Bath Oliver biscuit. The bun is smaller than a Sally Lunn bun and contains fruit and a sugar lump. Taste both and put history to the test.

Local Tipples

Bath boasts several breweries, from **Electric Bear Brewing Co**'s brewery and taproom, to real ale champions **Abbey Ales**, whose beers you can find on tap at several local pubs, including some of the city's smallest and most characterful – **Couer de Lion** and **The Star Inn**. You can also take a tour of the on-site brewery at **The Bath Brew House** or sample your way through their range at the bar.

Pieminister

Montagu's Mews

More of a gin fan? Bath has a couple of city centre distilleries, or in nearby Bitton, **Chew Valley Distillery** run regular tours and tasting sessions.

Brush up on your English wine knowledge with a day trip to a nearby vineyard, whether it's **Quoins Organic Vineyard** to the east of the city, multi award-winning **Woodchester Valley Vineyard** to the north or **Minerva Wines** at Corston, just west of the city.

Food Tours

Eat your way around the city with **Savouring Bath**, who will take you from ancient pubs to artisanal cafés, from breweries to bakeries and farmers' markets, with tasting opportunities aplenty.

Cooking Up a Storm

Pick up a new skill and improve your culinary abilities whilst in Bath - learn to cook with Persian flavours at **Simi's Kitchen**, bake bread at the award-winning **Bertinet Kitchen Cookery School**, hone your fishing, foraging and butchery skills at **Vale House Kitchen**, or master the art of pasta making with **Pasta Laboratory**. You'll find a range of other foodie workshops and hands-on experiences via **Yuup**.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/food-and-drink

Bath Pizza Company

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Bath's favourite pizza place is located in the stunning old Green Park railway station in the city centre. Buzzing with residents and visitors to the city, this independent pizzeria has become a firm favourite with their open kitchen where you can watch the chefs in action.

A 5 minute stroll from the Roman Baths, Bath Pizza Co recently picked up a Top 3 spot at the National Pizza Awards – and it's no surprise with an appetising menu that goes way beyond pizza, overlapping with sister kitchen, Green Park Brasserie.

There's cosy indoor candle lit dining for the cooler months and stunning alfresco terraces for watching the world go by for those long summer evenings enjoying cocktails, happy hour and local craft beer with, you guessed it, world class pizza.

Live music – acoustic, funk, soul and jazz – is hosted inside the main bar/restaurant space and the team have recently launched the new speakeasy bar and kitchen **Upstairs** hidden behind the red curtain with a stunning interior.

With something for everyone on the menu, the friendly team are proud to host locals and visitors in their unique setting with the recent accolade of a "where to eat" feature in the Lonely Planet Guide.

Booking available for indoor tables (terraces unreserved): **bathpizzaco.com**

Exclusive hire for larger groups: **bathpizzaco.com/upstairs**

Open: Open 7 days a week 12pm–10pm.

Chez Dominique

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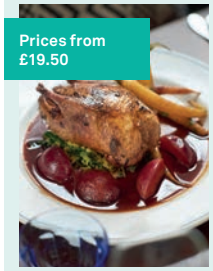

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Open 7 days a week, this is a perfect place for everything from evening drinks, candle-lit dining, casual catch ups with friends and family or lazy lunches and lively brunches.

With a casual dining feel in the historic old railway, Green Park Brasserie also has stunning terraces perfect for watching the world go by with happy hour cocktails in addition to their indoor restaurant space where you'll enjoy quality local produce (think Burgers, Steaks, Fish, Pastas, Salads and much more). The new Children's menu includes popular classics too. The Brasserie menu also incorporates sister kitchen Bath Pizza Co to their menu.

Since opening in 1992 the Braz hosts live music every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night and has been featured in National Geographic Travel, The Sunday Times and The Guardian. A father-son independently owned business, make sure Green Park Brasserie is on your list.

This place gets fully booked! Booking is highly recommended: **greenparkbrasserie.com**

Booking available for indoor tables: **greenparkbrasserie.com**

Open: Open 7 days 12–10pm (11am Fri and Sat).

THE BATH TOWNHOUSE COPPA CLUB

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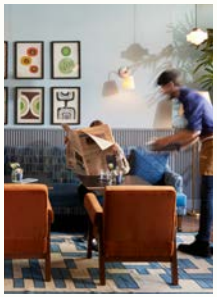
Head up the Art Deco staircase to the opulent club lounge to work, relax, eat, drink and enjoy a cocktail at the bar.

Scan for more, to book a table and for info on what's happening at the Townhouse



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SPORTS AND OUTDOORS

Make the most of the great outdoors by exploring city and countryside during your visit – make sure to embrace Bath's sporting heritage by cheering on local teams.

Bath Rugby Club

Founded in 1865, **Bath Rugby Club** is one of the oldest in existence. The club plays in the English Premiership, with home matches taking place in the heart of the city, at Bath Recreation Ground. It's this central location that makes going to a match a truly special experience.

Also in the city centre, **Bath Cricket Club** is a leading community club, where matches can be watched with a stunning background view of Bath Abbey.

Team Bath at The University of Bath is one of the UK's leading sports institutions, hosting top class sporting events including regular matches in the Netball Super League.

Experience the thrill of race day at one of the country's top small racing venues, **Bath Racecourse**. The venue also hosts special events throughout the year, from live music to cider festivals.

Don't miss the world famous **Badminton Horse Trials** which take place just outside the city every May.

A Breath of Fresh Air

There are plenty of walking trails in Bath's countryside. Head for the hills to the south of the city on the **Bath Skyline Walk** and prepare for stunning views, or make for the **Cotswold Way**, accessed on the north-western side of Bath, in Weston Village. Explore local National Trust properties and gardens, including the stunning **Prior Park Landscape Garden**, where you can cross one of only four Palladian bridges in the world. The annual **Bathscape Walking Festival** runs a packed programme of free guided walks throughout September.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/walking

For a 'real football' experience, **Bath City FC** play their home games in National League South at Twerton Park.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/sports-and-active

Original Wild

The River Avon hugs the south side of the city and the **Kennet and Avon Canal** meanders to the north-east, so it is easy to relish the riverside. Take to the water for the day with **Bath Narrowboats**, have a go at punting at **Bath Boating Station**, or stick to dry land with a leisurely bike ride along the **Bristol & Bath Cycle Path** or **Two Tunnels Path**– hire a bike from Bath EBike Hire.

Book a stand-up paddleboarding session with **Original Wild** or rent a kayak from **Wild Swim Bike Run**. Browse local experiences on **Yuup**'s website, from archery to VR games.

Bath is home to a variety of golf courses, from the longstanding **Bath Golf Club** and **Lansdown Golf Club**, to crazy courses at **Victoria Falls Adventure Golf** in Victoria Park. For a full golfing experience, book into **Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort**.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/outdoors

Fly Away Ballooning

Feeling Adventurous?

Take to the skies on a hot air balloon trip with **Fly Away Ballooning**, abseil through ancient caves at **Wookey Hole**, climb a 50ft wall at **Cheddar Gorge & Caves**, or try your hand at anything from snowboarding to disc golf at **Mendip Activity Centre**.

BE OUR GUEST

No.15 by GuestHouse

Book a stay in Bath and take advantage of the city's fantastic accommodation. There are options to suit all tastes and budgets, from cosy bed and breakfasts and guesthouses to five-star hotels praised for their supreme comfort and style.

Add a touch of class to your visit and make one of Bath's fabulous boutique hotels your home away from home. You'll find a range of uniquely luxurious features, including record players and pantries stocked with treats at **No.15 by GuestHouse**, tastefully appointed rooms set in a beautifully restored 18th century vault at **Hotel Indigo**, a tranquil private garden at **The Roseate Villa**, and a sun-trap restaurant terrace overlooking the city skyline at **The Bird**. Or book a foodie getaway at **The Queensberry**, home to Michelin-starred restaurant, the **Olive Tree**.

Perhaps you fancy immersing yourself in Bath life and living like a local? If so, check in to one of Bath's many charming self-catering properties. Take your pick from the collection of stylish city centre apartments courtesy of **Bath Keys**, **Bath Spa Stays**, **Dream Stays Bath**, and **Charlecote House**, or historic townhouses such as **The Paragon Georgian Townhouse** and **Lady Margaret's Townhouse**.

Bath Keys

The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa

The Newt in Somerset

Alternatively, base yourself in Bath's equally beautiful surrounding countryside, and enjoy the best of both worlds. Stay in a Grade I listed Jacobean mansion at **The Hall**, one of the charming country cottages offered by **Sykes Holiday Cottages** and **Classic Cottages**. For something a bit more adventurous, stay on board one of **Bath Narrowboats**' cosy vessels, or in a yurt, cabin or camper at **Campwell Farm**, **Bucklegrove Holiday Park**, and **Farrington's Family Glamping**.

Treat yourself to the ultimate Bath break at one of the city's opulent spa hotels. Take a dip in the city's natural thermal waters at **The Gainsborough Bath Spa** or unwind in **The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa**'s Bath House, enveloped by an acre of pristine landscaped gardens. Enjoy some pampering at the only L'Occitane spa in the UK at **The Bath Priory's Garden Spa**, or head out of the city for country house hotels with spas boasting spectacular views, such as **Woolley Grange Hotel**, **Homewood**, **Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa**, **Montigo Resorts Somerset**, and **The Newt in Somerset**.

Keep an eye out for themed **Austen 250** packages at accommodation providers throughout the year for a perfect Jane Austen-inspired stay in the city, in celebration of the renowned author and former Bath resident's 250th birthday year.

Top Tip

Many properties offer stays inclusive of spas, dining and more, with the best rates available midweek and by booking direct.

Find out more at visitbath.co.uk/where-to-stay

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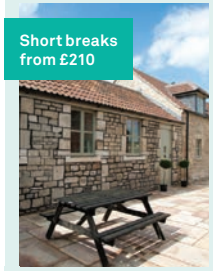

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Keynsham, Saltford and the Avon Valley

Located between Bristol and Bath, and with its own railway station, Keynsham is a thriving town with plenty of places to eat and drink and some standout independent shops. Keynsham Memorial Park is a popular outdoor area, hosting several events each summer. Stop into Lock Keeper to enjoy traditional pub grub in their large beer garden next to the River Avon, or B-Block for wood-fired pizza in a former chocolate factory. Nearby village Upton Cheyney is home to The Upton gastro-pub.

Further along the River Avon, Saltford features a peaceful family-run marina and pretty riverside pubs, with the popular Bristol and Bath Railway Path walking and cycling route passing through. Close by, discover a beautifully restored Victorian steam railway at Avon Valley Railway, or visit Avon Valley Adventure Park, both popular family days out. For adults, there's also the option to drop by the independent Chew Valley Distillery for a tour, or pick up some local produce at Flourish Foodhall.

Bathampton

Both the River Avon and the Kennet and Avon Canal pass through this pretty riverside village. The east end of St Nicholas Church is known as the Australia Chapel, in honour of Rear Admiral Philip, the founder of New South Wales, who is buried nearby. Sham Castle, a Grade II-listed screen wall folly, stands at the most western part of Bathampton Down.

Midsomer Norton

The principal market town of the Somer Valley, Midsomer Norton boomed as a coal mining tow in the eighteenth century. Enjoy a fun-filled family-friendly day out at the heritage Somerset and Dorset Railway, shop at the monthly farmers' market, held on the first Saturday of each month, and don't miss the annual Midsomer Norton Illuminated Carnival, every November.

Wells Cathedral

Chew Valley

To the south of Bath and Bristol, you'll find Chew Valley, an area of unspoiled scenic Somerset countryside with rolling hills, meadows and a lake, where you can sail a dinghy or enjoy fly fishing. The main hub is Chew Magna, a village full of surprises, including the chance to scratch a capybara, feed a meerkat or train a fox at Chew Valley Animal Park. The area is also home to Yeo Valley, where you can join guided tours or workshops, dine in the Yeo Valley Canteen or even stay in one of their self catering properties overlooking Blagdon Lake. Notable pubs in the area include the Ring o'Bells at Compton Martin and The Queens, Chew Magna. In Wrington you can visit the Butcombe Brewery and sample their ales.

Kelston

The small, rural village of Kelston is well known among local walkers thanks to its intersection of several public footpaths, including the Kelston Round Hill walk, which lies just off of the Cotswold Way. It is also home to the Bath Soft Cheese Company, with its lovely café and pre-bookable tours.

Radstock

Nine miles south-west of Bath, Radstock is well connected when it comes to cycling, with two key routes available. Choose from the local Greenway, or a section of the National Cycle Network running through the town from Bath. Walkers won't be disappointed either, with several routes to choose from, including the seven and-a-half mile circular Miners and Black Mountain trails. In the centre of town, Radstock Museum has a range of fascinating exhibits giving insight into Somerset life since the nineteenth century.

Frome

Just 30 minutes south of Bath lies the charming market town of Frome. The town is packed to the rafters with independent shops and boasts two theatres, a heritage museum, a monthly independent market, and a summer festival of art and music.

The Mendips

The Mendips are full of fascinating towns and even a small city, several of which can be easily reached from Bath by public transport or on an organised tour. A must-visit is Wookey Hole, home to its own caves and cheese alongside family attractions for all, and Wild Wookey caving experience for the adventurous. Other highlights include the spectacular Cheddar Gorge and Caves. The neighbouring town of Cheddar is the birthplace of the famous cheese, which is still aged in the caves to this day.

Cheddar Gorge

While Glastonbury Festival is world-renowned, the town is also known for its myths and legends. Glastonbury Abbey is reputed to be the burial place of the legendary King Arthur and his queen Guinevere and is regarded as the site of the earliest church in Britain.

The medieval city of Wells is home to stunning architecture, including the 13th century Wells Cathedral. The smallest city in England, Wells has also been featured on film, most notably in 2007's Hot Fuzz. Its neighbour Shepton Mallet is home to one of Britain's oldest prisons, where you can stay overnight or go on a tour, and the Bath and West Showground, which plays host to an array of events.

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EXPLORE MORE

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Stonehenge

Bradford-on-Avon

Eight miles south-east of Bath and just 13 minutes by train, Bradford-on-Avon is bursting with historic buildings, including the 14th century **Tithe Barn** and **St Laurence's Church**, thought to be one of the most complete Saxon buildings still in existence. The town's pretty streets have plenty of independent shops, places to eat, and popular markets. There are numerous events throughout the year, including **If Opera Festival** in August. Tuck into traditional afternoon tea at **The Bridge Tea Rooms** or enjoy fresh, local produce and a relaxing night's stay at stylish boutique hotel **Timbrell's Yard**.

Bradford-on-Avon is a great location for outdoor activities, with boat and kayak hire available at Bradford-on-Avon Wharf. Close by, **Iford Manor Gardens** is home to stunning landscapes and award-winning gardens as well as the on-site Kitchen café, where you can enjoy Iford Manor loose leaf teas and Iford Cider, as well as pre-bookable supper clubs throughout the year and **Iford Manor Jazz Festival** in June.

Lacock

With its central grid of four streets, Lacock today looks much like it did 200 years ago. Home to **Lacock Abbey** and the **Fox Talbot Museum**, it is often used as a film location, including appearances in Downton Abbey and Harry Potter.

Corsham

Sitting on the south-eastern edge of the Cotswolds, Corsham is a historic market town just eight miles from Bath and surrounded by rolling countryside. Stroll along the high street and you'll be walking in the footsteps of Poldark himself, as the hit BBC television drama was filmed here (doubling as a bustling 18th century Truro). Visit the independent shops, cafés, restaurants and pubs, including **The Pound**, the town's music, theatre and arts centre before taking a look at **Corsham Court**, a magnificent stately home dating from 1582.

Stonehenge

Take a guided tour from Bath or take the train to Salisbury and catch the shuttle bus to Stonehenge, the best-known prehistoric landmark in Europe.

Lacock Abbey

Cotswolds

Designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Cotswolds covers 787 square miles, including Bath. There are several market towns including **Tetbury**, **Stroud** and **Cirencester**, but the area is most associated with beautiful, quintessentially English villages, loved for their old world charm and honey coloured stone buildings.

Of these, **Castle Combe** has been described as the prettiest in England, with a racing circuit nearby. Don't miss the chance for a walk around the stunning **Westonbirt Arboretum** near Tetbury, home to 2,500 different tree species and 15,000 individual specimens, which creates a spectacular display of seasonal colour every autumn.

Chippenham

14 miles east of Bath, Chippenham is a lively Wiltshire market town mixing historical architecture with modern living. Catch theatre, comedy, music and exhibitions at the **Neeld Community and Arts Centre**, or look back in time at **Chippenham Museum**, which tells the story of the town from its prehistoric origins to the present day.

Westonbirt Arboretum

The Cotswold Way

Clifton Suspension Bridge - Bristol

Bristol

Just 12 miles from Bath, and only 12 minutes away by train, Bristol is the largest city in South West England, renowned for its street art, extensive food and drink scene, cultural offering, and fiercely independent spirit. Connected along the waterways of the River Avon, Bristol's vibrant Harbourside is now home to historic ships including **Brunel's SS Great Britain**, as well as museums, galleries, restaurants and numerous bars. Boat trips are available around the harbour and out into the Avon Gorge, under the **Clifton Suspension Bridge**, another of Brunel's stunning creations. **Clifton Village** is situated on the eastern side of the bridge, with a museum telling the history of the bridge situated on the western side. The city boasts a number of family attractions, including **We The Curious**, **Wake The Tiger**, **Bristol Zoo Project** and **Aerospace Bristol**.

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THREE DAYS IN BATH

With so much to see and do, you'll want to spend more than a day in the city…

Day One

After arriving, get your bearings and soak up the sights with a bus or walking tour of the city.

For lunch, step back in time and sample one of the city's most famous delicacies at **Sally Lunn's Historic Eating House**.

Explore the city's museums and galleries in the afternoon, before relaxing in the steaming rooftop pool at the **Thermae Bath Spa** in the evening before a special dinner at one of the city's cosy restaurants. Take in live music in a pub or catch a show at the **Theatre Royal**.

Day Two

Muster up some morning energy and climb the 212 steps of **Bath Abbey** on a guided tower tour to enjoy breathtaking city views, before discovering the ancient **Roman Baths** below.

Make like the Georgians and lunch in the grand **Pump Room**. Wander up to the **Royal Crescent** and stop by **No. 1 Royal Crescent**, before crossing over the majestic **Circus** and going for a shopping trip around the indie retailers of **Bartlett Street** and the artisans of **Walcot Street**.

Day Three

On your final day, how about exploring Bath's surrounding villages, towns and countryside? Jump on a train from **Bath Spa Station** and head to **Bradford-on-Avon** for its riverside setting, or **Bristol** to check out its world-famous street art. To the south of Bath, you'll find the picturesque **Chew Valley**, with the jaw-dropping **Wookey Hole Caves** and **Cheddar Gorge** also close by. Alternatively, sit back and relax on a group tour to **Stonehenge** and the **Cotswolds**, or to the historic cities of **Wells** and **Salisbury**.

Bath Abbey and The Pump Rooms

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GETTING TO BATH

By Train

There are regular direct trains to Bath from destinations including London, Cardiff and Portsmouth. Bristol Temple Meads, just 12 minutes away, is a major hub for travel from other parts of the country. For further information visit **gwr.com**

By Coach

National Express provides good value coach travel, linking all major towns and cities across the UK. Frequent services to Bath run from London Victoria Coach Station and London Heathrow Airport. For further information visit **nationalexpress.com**

By Bus

There are several bus operators that provide regular services in and around Bath. The main service provider, First Bus, operates from Bath Bus Station on Dorchester Street, adjacent to Bath Spa railway station. Tickets can be purchased by cash or card aboard all buses, or digitally in advance via a First Bus app, on which customers can also check schedules and track buses in live time. For further information, visit **visitbath.co.uk/bus**

By Car

Bath is located just ten miles from Junction 18 of the M4, the motorway that runs directly from London and Heathrow Airport. There are also excellent

motorway links from Devon, Cornwall, and the North via the M5, while the city is a short drive east from Wales on the M4.

Bath operates a charging Clean Air Zone to tackle air pollution in the city. This means that while most private cars and motorbikes are exempt, some higher emission vans, pick-up trucks, motorhomes, and campers will need to pay to drive in the city centre. For reassurance, check your vehicle registration online before entering. The city also operates an emissions-based parking charge system, with all non-UK registered vehicles and the most polluting UK-registered vehicles paying the highest price. Download the MiPermit app to pay for parking by card.

By Park and Ride

Three Park and Ride services operate seven days a week in Bath, with buses running every 15 minutes into the city centre from its northern, southern and western suburbs. Parking is free for anyone using the services, and tickets can be purchased on board or via the First Bus app. Find more information on fares and timetables at **travelwest.info/park-ride**

By Air

Bath is just 19 miles from Bristol Airport, which offers direct scheduled flights from locations across Europe, including the major hub airports in Dublin, Amsterdam and Paris. Bath Bus Company operates the A4 Air Decker service between Bath and the airport every hour. For further information, visit **bristolairport.co.uk**

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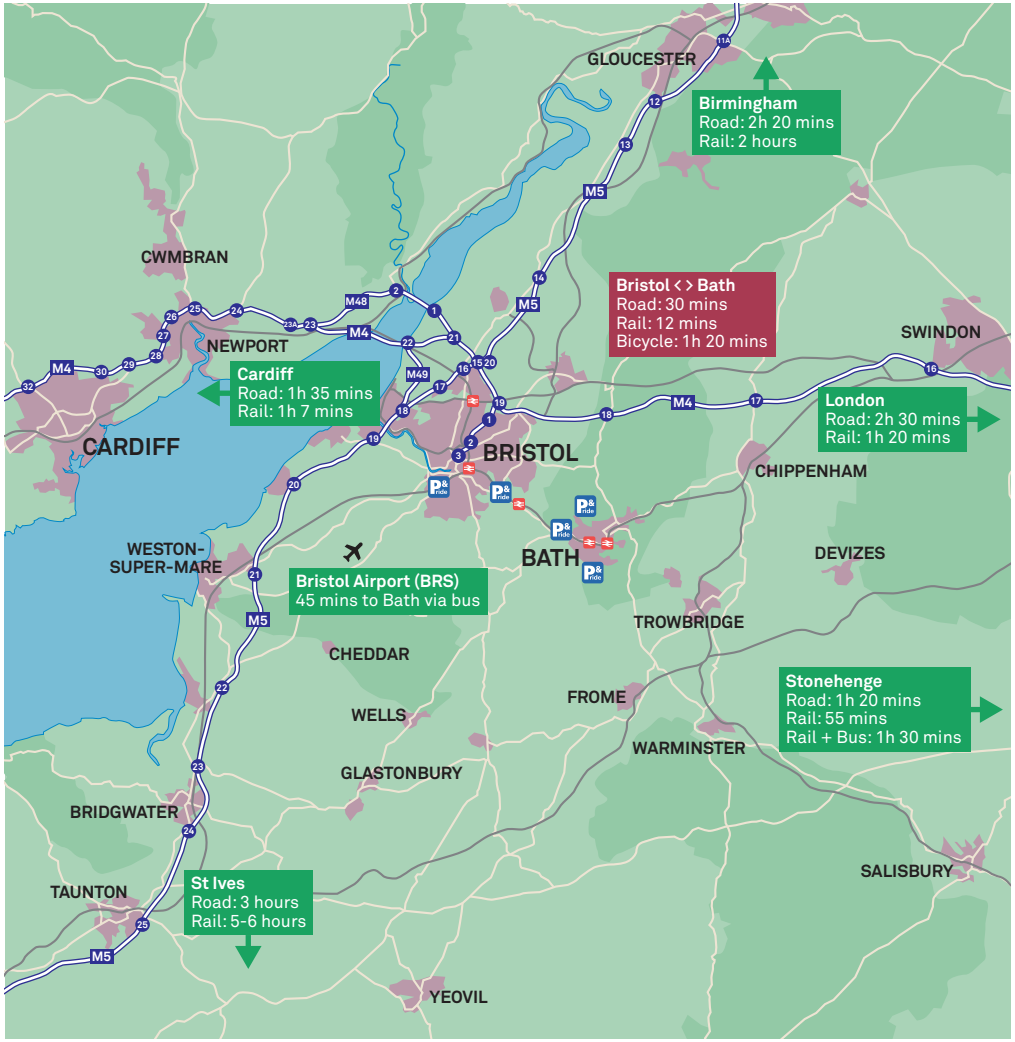

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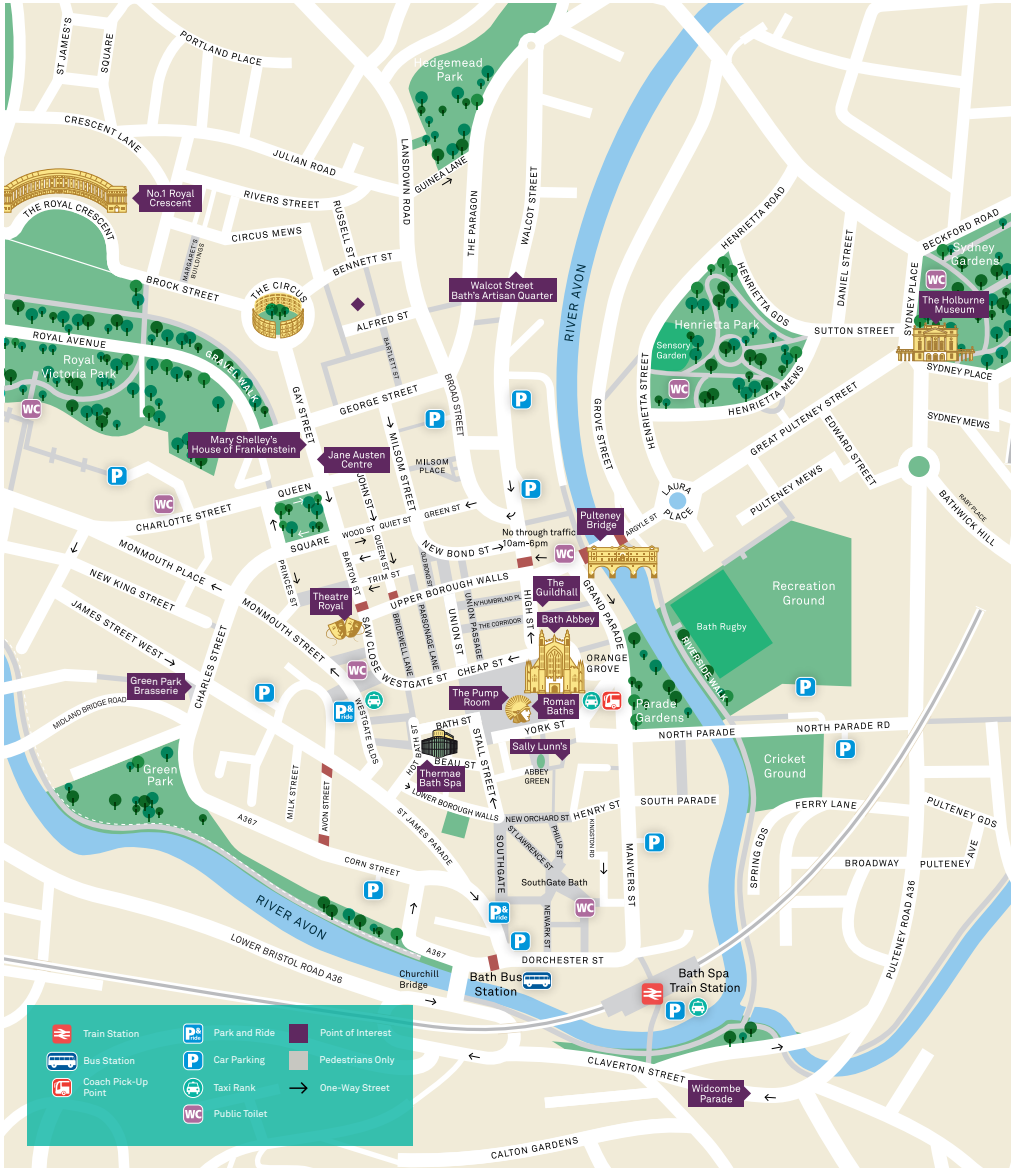

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